

Remarks

Currently pending are claims 14-28.

Restriction Requirement

Claims 14-28 are subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372. Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, for continued prosecution the following species:

- (i) an epoxy and an amine as the two reactive components; and
- (ii) a modified nanoclay as the nanoscale platelet filler.

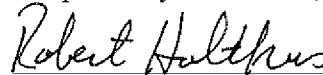
Claims 14-28 are readable on the elected species.

Applicant elects with traverse because simultaneous examination of the inventions does not impose an undue burden of examination on the Examiner.

If the restriction requirement is made final, Applicant reserves the right to continue prosecution of non-elected inventions in one or more continuing applications.

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